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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8492

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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FOR D/LOS AND ARA-LA/CAR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING
AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: STATE 193107 AND 193106

1. WHILE GOH SENT DELEGATION TO CARACAS AND LOCAL PRESS REPRINTS
AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE COVERAGE OF LOS CONFERENCE, SUBJECT HOLDS
LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST HERE. UNLESS THERE WERE OUTSPOKEN AND
REASONABLY UNITED LDC REACTION AGAINST PASSAGE OF S. 1134 OR
S. 1988, AS INITIAL REACTION EMBASSY WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE MORE
THAN UNPUBLICIZED REQUEST FROM GOH FOR CLARIFICATION OF US POSITION.
GENERALLY GOH INTEREST IS LIMITED TO LOS MATTERS THAT DIRECTLY
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AFFECT HAITI, AND GOH DOES NOT EXPECT TO HAVE MUCH IMPACT ON

BROADER CHANGES IN LOS EITHER THROUGH LOS CONFERENCE OR OTHER MEANS. GOH IS CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL IT CAN RESOLVE THROUGH BI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ANY SPECIAL TERRITORIAL, ECONOMIC ZONE, OR FISHING ZONE PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE WITH ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS. THEREFORE, UNLESS HAITI'S IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS BEGAN ADOPTING UNILATERAL LEGISLATION AFFECTING HAITIAN INTERESTS, EMBASSY WOULD NOT EXPECT GOH QUICKLY TO DRAFT UNILATERAL LEGISLATION OF ITS OWN.

2. FISHERIES - GOH SEEMS PREPARED TO ACCEPT POSSIBILITY THAT FINAL LOS TREATY COULD INCLUDE A 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE FOR COASTAL STATES, AND THEREFORE MIGHT NOT BE UNDULY DISTURBED BY PRECIPITOUS USG ACTION. HOWEVER, GOH PRIVATELY HAS INDICATED ITS CONCERN OVER CONTINUED US CONTROL OF NAVASSA ISLAND, WHICH HAITI CONSIDERS PART OF ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY, SINCE AN EXPANSION OF US FISHERIES ZONE AROUND THAT ISLAND WOULD CAUSE CONFUSION CONCERNING THE LIMITS OF HAITI'S OWN FISHING ZONE (CARACAS 7212, PAUP 1203). ARA-LA/CAR IS AWARE OF AMBASSADOR ISHAM'S PROPOSALS FOR DEFUSING THIS POTENTIAL DIFFICULTY. THOMSON

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